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The 40th Celebration Begins

The first event scheduled by the 40th Anniversary Committee of the FBA will begin on Friday, April 23, with the opening of an exhibition made up exclusively of "Foggy Bottom Views." The Watergate Gallery and its owner Dale Johnson will show FB resident Bill D'Italia's works depicting scenes of our treasured neighborhood.

The exhibition will open with a party, of course, scheduled for Friday, April 23, from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Plan to attend the opening; browse the show then and often while it lasts (until late June); and latch on to one or more of these unique mementos of the FBA's anniversary. Bill assures us that his works, while originals, will be affordable.

The committee welcomes ideas for the celebration. Contact Olga Corey at 337-3196.

Seniors -- Beware of Pickpockets

The Second District has issued a warning to seniors concerning a number of pickpockets who are targeting senior citizens. One such incident occurred on the escalator at the Watergate shopping complex. The victim lost his wallet containing cash and credit cards. Several others occurred in the upper Connecticut Avenue area.

According to the police alert, often one thief bumps into the victim and during the distraction another steals wallets from pockets or purses. All residents, especially seniors, should secure their valuables to prevent this type of theft, and be especially aware of this threat.

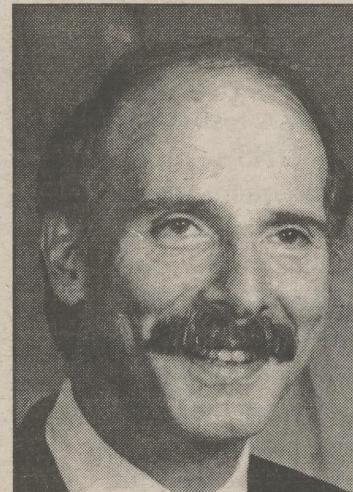
The FBA: Decade Two — The 1960's

By Rick Churchill

Holding on to the sidewalk railing of the eastern approach to the Whitehurst Freeway, a man pointed south into space. "That's where it was, that's where he often visited and slept. There were houses built at 2618-20 K Street by Robert Peter, the first mayor of Georgetown. In 1795 when his son married Martha Parke Custis, granddaughter of Martha Washington, Peter gave the houses to him."

On his visits to the city, General Washington often spent the night there. In fact, his last night in Washington before his death was in Foggy Bottom. In June of 1800 the Peters entertained

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UPDATE BZA Hearing on Hospital Moved to April 7

The Board of Zoning Adjustment has postponed its third session on the GWU Hospital until April 7, following a request by the ANC for a delay. The Board agreed with the request to allow the ANC's traffic expert to testify on his analysis of the second report by the Department of Public Works, which pulled back on most of the recommendations it made earlier.

The FBA, the ANC and other residents have continued to voice their concern about the effect on the neighborhood if the hospital is built as planned. Included will be a large loading dock on 24th Street just north of the I Street pedestrian mall, and three driveways crossing the heavily-used sidewalk on the west side of 23rd Street.

To Voice Your Concerns
Residents who object to the hospital's plans should contact the following officials and ask them to help:
a. Mayor Williams: 727-2980 (The Mayor has

New Councilmember at March FBA Meeting

Phil Mendelson, who was elected last fall to the D.C. Council, will be the featured speaker at the March 29 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association. All residents are welcome to attend. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Mendelson, an at-large member of the Council, lives in the McLean Gardens area of town, was active in his neighborhood and as a member of his Advisory Neighborhood Commission. During his campaign he named improvement of the schools as his first priority, followed by regulatory reform and taxes. His neighborhood activism has translated into an interest in urban area problems, and a willingness to meet with and listen to Foggy Bottom and West End residents.

Attend, hear Mendelson's report on his first months in office, and let him know your concerns as well.

jurisdiction over the Carol Schwartz: 724-8105
Department of Public
Works and the Office of
Planning; the reports of
both agencies bear great
weight with the board of
Zoning Adjustment.)

b. Councilmember Jack
Evans (Ward 2): 724-8058
c. Councilmember-at-large
Harold Brazil: 724-8174
David Catania: 724-7772
Phil Mendelson: 724-8064

The problems associated with the proposed site are varied:

1. The main and emergency driveways and

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Speaker:

Phil Mendelson

D. C. Councilmember-at-Large

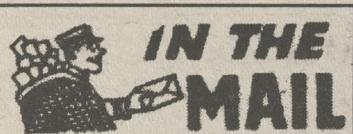
Monday, March 29, 1999

Wyndham Bristol Hotel

2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting, Monday, April 26, 1999)



FBNews Has "Priority"

The Foggy Bottom News is important to me. It has priority when it arrives, even over the *New York Times*. It keeps me in touch with the community and often relates items for local attention. Sincere appreciation.

M. Marion Wood
Potomac Plaza

Best Wishes from Colorado

Many, many thanks for sending us the March issue. In addition to making us homesick for our home and friends on Queen Anne's Lane and in Foggy Bottom, we were pleased to see our names mentioned in your FB Folks column. We do miss all the wonderful friends we made ... and the lovely little park on 26th Street. Many happy times were spent there with friends from the neighborhood, either doing our spring clean-up or just sitting in the sun and visiting. During our time in FB we noticed that this wonderful little park certainly brought a lot of people together.

We do love getting the *News* as it keeps us up-to-date with the happenings in our favorite part of D.C. We especially enjoyed the article about "the early years;" we look forward to the next issue and how FB has grown and developed throughout the years, ready to meet the challenges of the new millennium. Ray and I will always have a very special place in our hearts for Foggy Bottom and all the people who have worked so hard to make it such a wonderful neighborhood. Keep up the good work! We send our best wishes to all of you from Colorado.

Melanie Chamberlain
Fort Collins, Colorado

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entrances are planned for the west side of 23rd Street, traversed each day by upwards of 25,000 pedestrians. The hospital's solution

to the problem is to provide different paving and some signs. FBA president Ellie Becker noted that neither pedestrians nor drivers pay much attention to either in this city, and "it is a fairy tale to think they will safeguard those using that sidewalk." The sidewalk on the east side of 23rd, in front of the current hospital, carries just a fraction of the traffic.

2. Emergency vehicles currently approach the hospital either traveling north on 23rd Street or use the inside lanes of Washington Circle, pass 23rd, and then enter the emergency driveway. To approach the planned hospital, they will have to come north on 23rd Street, and turn left across south-bound traffic which is usually heavy — and at a standstill in evening rush hour. Coming from the west or north they will have to use the backed-up outside lanes of Washington Circle in order to turn right into the entrance. The record of D.C. drivers and commuters of ignoring emergency vehicles makes speedy emergency care another fairy tale.

3. The loading dock on narrow 24th Street, according to ANC Commissioner Dorothy Miller, would serve up to 64 truck trips per day, "moving everything from food, trash and medical waste to flammable and hazardous materials...." The trucks, some as large as "semis," will cross the path of Metro passengers and enter and leave less than 50 feet from two homes at that intersection.

4. The hospital has promised to ask the trucks not to use the residential streets nearby, recommending that they use 23rd Street, travel west on H Street and then north on 24th. They fail to mention that this route passes a

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large condominium building and several houses. They also promise to have a person at the loading dock help direct the trucks in and out. Becker called those schemes a fairy tale as well.

5. While residents applaud the idea of a modern hospital, many feel that the current hospital should be modernized, similar to scores of urban hospitals around the world. The original application was for renovation rather than replacement, but the for-profit corporation, Universal Health Services, now calls that too expensive. FBA Board Member Charles Farbstein, in his BZA testimony, stated that UHS's "reasons for the subsequent rejection of this alternative are self-serving, and pale to insignificance when set against the environmental, economic and social devastation" the new hospital would cause.

Response from city officials has been either not helpful or non-existent. A staff member of Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans advised one resident that he is in favor of the new hospital; and calls to his office were not returned. Calls and letters to Mayor Williams have gone unanswered. It was brought to the attention of Councilmember Carol Schwartz, during her oversight hearing on DPW, that DPW's 180-degree turnaround was a disturbing event; Councilmember Schwartz asked that DPW respond to the complaint; none has been received.

Columbia Hospital Financial Plan Approved

The financial reorganization plan filed by

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Foggy Bottom's Columbia Hospital for Women has been approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for D.C. The hospital, founded in 1866, has been "the crown jewel of women's health care" and will now "move forward in strengthening [its] fiscal future," according to the president and chief executive officers, Gerry Beaulieu.

Ward 2's Westy Byrd Issues School Report

Westy Byrd, Ward 2's elected School Board representative, recently issued a newsletter with

school news of interest. She covered the budget request, some programs she feels are important, and ways we can help. She urges that we save grocery receipts (we have done that); tutor students; donate funds for books, computers, dance teachers, band uniforms, etc., etc. Among the local school "wish lists" were Francis Junior High's need for a choral music teacher and new science books, and for a computer with CD ROM, printers, books and a Spanish teacher at Stevens Elementary. Call her at 342-3916 for more information.

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News from 2D

New 207 Sergeants

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207 & 208 Experience Decreases

In February, PSA 207 had 1 robbery, 1 burglary, 14 thefts and 4 thefts from auto, totaling 26 offenses. This compares with 43 in January, and 90 in February 1998. The robbery was the theft of a wallet on the Watergate Mall escalator (see Page 1 article), and the burglary occurred in Hughes Mews (a suspect has been charged in this case).

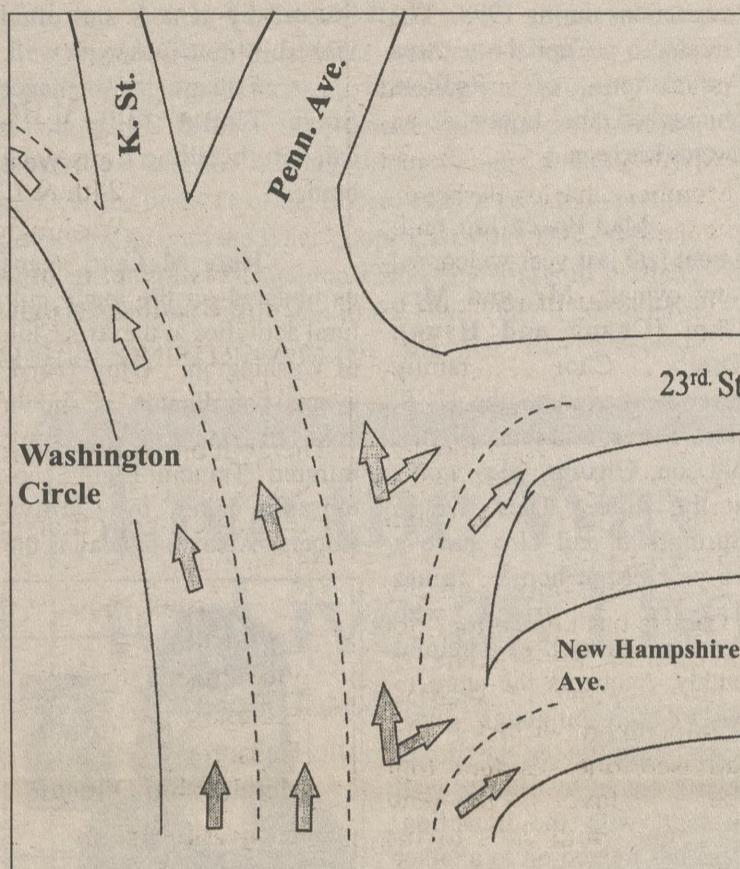
During the same period PSA 208 experienced 73 offenses: 1 robbery, 2 assaults, 7 burglaries, 39 thefts, 11 thefts from auto, 2 stolen autos, 1 arson and 1 sex abuse (on 21st Street). In January 208 had 84 offenses, and in February 1998 a total of 84.

FB Streets Make News

Marie Kirby, who lives on F Street, is grateful

that Washington Circle has been made somewhat safer, and attributes it to the new Mayor. She wrote to him in November with a diagram of suggested markings, and they appeared on the circle's streets in February. Attempts to get action from the previous administration, via Jack Evans' intercession and direct to DPW, met with no success.

of the new lightpoles. His inquiries as to the whereabouts of the green 24th and G Streets signs on the old lightpoles turned up a disturbing fact. It seems that Pepco, when replacing the poles, routinely discards those signs; does it occur to Pepco or the Department of Public Works (a) that this leaves those streets unidentified for emer-



John Graves reports that the street lights installed in the area of 24th & H Streets are the beginning of badly needed street paving, long overdue. From G north to M Street, 24th will be paved, new curbs and sidewalks will be installed — the whole bit, according to John's sources. From 17th to Virginia Avenue G Street will be paved beginning this spring, and H Street from 19th to New Hampshire come fall.

But Octave Stevenson of Potomac Plaza Terraces bemoans the loss of street identification signs resulting from the installation

gency and non-emergency access; (b) that it takes months and months to get new signs in this city, (3) that it is possible for Pepco or DPW employees to reattach to new poles signs taken off old poles (or do they need a special training class for that?); and (4) it is a stupid and disturbing waste of our tax money. Is anybody managing anything??

Speaking of DPW, in February it published notice of final rulemaking for a Sunday-only parking change on 23rd Street.

According to the notice,

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Wyndham Bristol Hotel , 2430 Pennsylvania Ave. NW	955-3923
20% discount on all meals; not valid with other discounts	
Yuki Moon Noodles , 824 New Hampshire Ave. NW	333-3312
10% off lunch or dinner.	

from I Street to G Street, on the west side, "back-in/pull-out angle parking" will be allowed from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The notice indicates that final action was taken on January 26, that "No comments have been received and no changes have been made to the proposal as published on December 11, 1998." It supposedly is in effect (as of February 5); does anyone know the rationale for this?



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P.S. Of the thousands of real estate agents in Washington, in 1990 through 1998, Tom ranked number 1 in total number of sales transactions.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Foggy Bottom Folks



Neighbors on 25th, 26th and I Streets greeted their mail carrier, **Mike White**, with balloons to celebrate his 20th anniversary on their route. **Mary Brewster**, who is good at keeping track of such momentous occasions, got the ball rolling, to demonstrate to Mike his customers' appreciation for consistently superior mail delivery. Of course, Mike came a little earlier than expected, before some neighbors displayed their balloons,

but Mike was able to grab some and secure them to his mail cart. He claims that two other Foggy Bottom postal carriers have been on their routes even longer than he has, and asked that they be featured in a future issue — glad to oblige!

Westbridge's **Jim Zwolenik** (Jim to us, Dr. Zwolenik to some others) received from the National Science Foundation its Distinguished

Service Award. It is the NSF's highest award, and he received a gold medal, a gold lapel emblem, a certificate of citation, and these really terrific words: "For his exemplary expertise in the administration of science and his unfailing dedication to excellence in serving the public interest."

And our **Tom Murphy** of Pardoe Real Estate made the "mostest" list again, scoring the highest number of transactions during 1998. The Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors announced the honor at an awards luncheon.

Mail Boxes, Etc. on L Street late last year welcomed new owners, **Mr. and Mrs. Choi (Chang and Hyun)**. The Choi family recently moved to the U. S. from Korea, and their 19-year old son, **Ohsung**, also works at the store. They live in Springfield and also have a 16-year old at home. **James Trayers**, a friend who describes himself as a helpful buddy, frequents the store to assist with language questions. **Pam Porter**, the former owner, comes by often as well to help with the transition. Pam has moved on to another position, and we wish her well. Mail Boxes is one of the local retailers which advertises in the News and gives discounts to FBA members.

Another family enterprise in Foggy Bottom is the Dove and Rainbow restaurant on 26th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and M Street. Greeting the customers are **Mike and Joyce Kiro**, who hail from Greece but have been in the U. S. for over 25 years. The restaurant, a recent FBNews advertiser, features pizza, quiches, deli items and homemade soups. D&R also offers free delivery and several weekly specials. Mike and Joyce are not new to the restaurant business, as they have been involved with other pizza and steak houses during their careers.

More than one Foggy Bottom resident has voiced concern for the threat to Sholl's Colonial Cafeteria on K Street. Long a tradition in D. C. for well-prepared food at reasonable prices, it is

threatened by surging rental costs in downtown Washington. (The same problem chased out the Safeway at 21st and L; it is still lamented by residents denied access to a convenient grocery store.)

Jim McGrath, also known for his advocacy for residential tenants, is among those alerting the community to the threat to the last of the old-fashioned eating places in the city. It is especially favored by seniors and often visited by tour buses as well.

FBNews ad manager **Steve Timlin** calls it "a calamity befalling my second home."

Kate McLeod keeps us updated on the many cultural activities at the Arts Club of Washington. **Gina Ward**, events coordinator, is shown next to one of the stark infrared "Tranquil Light" photographs taken by Carolyn Rogers. Also on display is the



Tapahonso, who writes about her life as a native American grandmother, mother and daughter, won the 1995 Robert Frost poet-in-residence award. An associate professor of English at the University of Kansas, she will engage in a dialogue with renowned D. C. poet **Ethelbert Miller**.

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Corrections:

The last issue had its share of gremlins, and our apologies for the errors:
a). The Wyndham Bristol Hotel was omitted from the list of those offering discounts; they offer a 20% discount on food, and the News heard about the mistake from several residents.

b). An earlier line about holiday services crept back into the Mail Boxes Etc. ad.
c). Laetitia Combrinck let me know that the article on Leona Schram contained two errors: Leona was 74 when she died, and she grew up on a farm near Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, not in the city.

printmaking series by Susan Goldman; both exhibits run through March, and the works of Elana Guttman and Ming Sun run through April. For more info call the club at 331-7282.

A celebrated Navajo poet will read from her works at the Arts Club on Wednesday, April 14. Luci

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St. Mary's Court Marks Twenty Years

St. Mary's Court has issued an open invitation to the entire Foggy Bottom/West End community to help celebrate its 20th anniversary. The event will take place on Sunday, April 11, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., and will include a program of distinguished speakers and guests. To attend, call 223-5684 by April 1. In addition to a buffet reception, residents of the Court will guide guests on tours of the facility.

St. Mary's Court is an award-winning federally subsidized elderly housing facility located at 725 24th Street, N.W., and often plays host to community activities.

IONA Senior Services Sets Luncheon Programs

Scheduled for each weekday at St. Mary's Court is a delicious, nutritious and reasonably priced lunch for persons over 60, and also provided are programs of interest. During April the following subjects will be explored at 1:00 p.m. (lunch is served at 12:30 p.m.).

April 2: Introduction to Sign Language
 April 8: Elder Abuse
 April 14: Current Events
 April 15: Islam
 Further information is available from Sandi O'Neill at 659-5645.

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President Adams and the British minister to the United States took up residence there in 1803.

It was demolished in 1961 to make room for the highway. "They knew what they were doing — the highway department — there was even a D.A.R. bronze plaque on the front. But highways don't care about residents, people or history."

This story, part of Foggy Bottom's history in the 1960s, is told to us by a man known only to us as "B.T.W." He may remain as lost to us today as that address on K Street.

Highways Took Their Toll

Foggy Bottom became the most auto-traversed neighborhood in Washington, thanks to three highway projects. The most famous was the Inner Loop construction that paralleled the Potomac River and Rock Creek through Foggy Bottom. The second was the building of the Roosevelt Bridge, which merged Virginia's traffic onto the Inner Loop. Lastly, the D.C. Highway Department dug the Washington Circle underpass to partially alleviate the biggest traffic jam in the city. Only it could have created a terminus where not one but two freeways

converged at the same place, on Washington's busiest street, Pennsylvania Avenue. The FBA opposed the first, resigned themselves to the second and favored the third.

The Inner Loop was never built, but the FBA didn't stop it. Other neighborhoods stopped it. "White man's highways, black man's homes" became a rallying cry throughout many affected neighborhoods. People exercised the power from unity, just when Congress restored the District's home rule and voting rights. However, the damage had already been done in Foggy Bottom. All homes west of 26th Street were demolished and the concrete rampways, going nowhere, stood unconnected, like surreal art, for the next 30 years.

Threats Demanded Unity and Federation

The lesson of unity was not lost on the FBA. Over the first ten years, the neighborhood vision extended beyond the restoration of row homes. The inter-relationship between zoning, traffic, unemployment and city elections was becoming more dynamic. What affected one neighborhood was affecting others. That's why William Simon, president of the FBA, wrote in 1965: "The FBA should affiliate (itself) with a city-wide federation so we may have a stronger voice in city affairs and obtain greater support for matters affecting Foggy Bottom."

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Beneath these simple words lay the reminders of race and hatred, which the FBA swept aside in its April meeting of that year. From its very first meeting, the FBA was integrated and therefore could not qualify as a member of the all-white Federation of Citizens Associations of Washington. Instead, they voted overwhelmingly to become the first predominately white association to join the Federation of Civic Associations.

Yet this story, like so many others since 1958, was not so much recorded but celebrated in the Association's newspaper, simply known as the *Foggy Bottom News*. Charley Rogers, its first editor, wrote in 1966, "Almost from the day I moved into Hughes Mews, ... Foggy Bottom fascinated me, for it was something almost unique — a village within a large city... I tried to make the News read like a letter from home, with lots of names of people in the 'village' with as many people as possible involved in the project."

The *News* has always been the chatty, parochial mouthpiece of the Association, yet even the paper was coming of age in the 1960s. Whereas most lead stories announced the coming of house tours, parties and other seasonal celebrations, within the paper reports from the association's committees on Planning and District Affairs competed with gardening tips and travelogues. Even the monthly meetings at St. Paul's grew in stature as politicians, bureaucrats, attorneys and even George Washington University officials paraded before its members and engaged in a lively exchange of views affecting the neighborhood.

Housing Was (And Is) The Heart of It

The heart and soul of the FBA was still housing or the lack of it. With the construction of Columbia Plaza and the Watergate complex, the FBA was able for the first time to participate in a planned community. The acrimony and debate over Columbia Plaza made it the most controversial development of its time. However, the complaints were chiefly among the land speculators. The decision for the FBA was easy for it had always advocated a planned urban approach. The FBA's position was articulated by Shirley Kennard, architect and art editor of the *News*, when she posed the question: "Shall it become a random assemblage of high buildings with urban problems built in, or a coordinated community that would give part of the city back to the pedestrian, and alleviate one of the city's major problems?"

Interest intensified in 1964 when owners of the largest waterfront property in the neighborhood requested a zoning variance to exceed the 90 foot -height limitation for their proposed new residential-commercial complex called "Water Gate Town." The FBA did not oppose the project, not only because it provided new homes, but also because its world-renowned designs easily complemented the proposed National Cultural Center next door. The only reservation among the neighbors was the destruction of the Water Gate Inn and the removal of the Memorial Statue remembering those who perished with the Titanic. To this day veteran residents like Morella Hansen, Mary Healy and Ellie Becker lament the loss of the Water Gate Inn's popovers.

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Worship 11:00 a.m.



Palm Sunday, March 28

St. Mary's	8:00 & 11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
St. Paul's	7:30 a.m.	Blessing of Palm and Low Mass
Mass	8:45 a.m.	Liturgy of the Palms, Procession and Solemn Mass
	11:15 a.m.	Liturgy of the Palms, Procession and Solemn High
St. Stephen's	6:00 p.m.	"A Meditation on the Passion" in words and music and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
United	9:00 & 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.	Palm Sunday Masses
	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship

see Easter, next page

The decade would not be complete without mentioning George Washington University. It's hard for new readers to understand the intense feelings Foggy Bottomites developed toward the University. These feelings intensified in the 1960s as the Flagler, Woodside, Barclay, Drake and Park Central Apartments were purchased and converted into dormitories. The Liberty Baptist Church became a gymnasium and the city government didn't care. Although the FBA supported construction for core academic buildings like labs and classrooms, what irritated residents most was the university's converting row homes into garages.

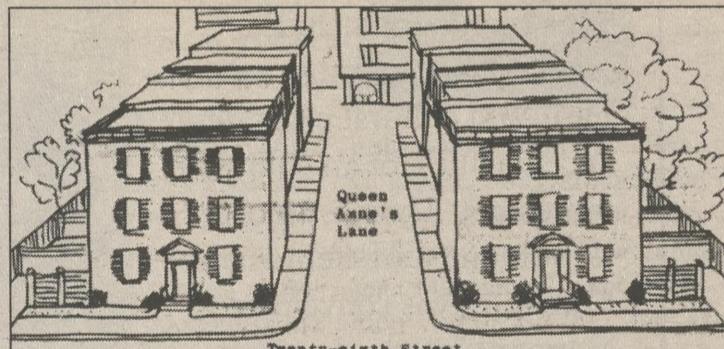


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The 1960s ended with our nation at war abroad and with itself. Foggy Bottom was no different. The people didn't change, but the stakes did. And if the Association grew in stature and affluence with additions like Queen Anne's Lane and the Potomac Plaza Terraces, it was at the cost of the remaining underdeveloped properties. They became like a Holy Grail to the university and other developers. They may have wrested more from us, but we had more fun.



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Local Services Mark Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week is being celebrated by a variety of services in the churches located in Foggy Bottom. Their schedules are printed here for your convenience; the addresses and phone numbers are at the end of the list.

SWW Schedules Spring Auction Donations Welcome!

Foggy Bottom's School Without Walls, the renowned senior high school on G Street, has scheduled its Spring Auction for Saturday, April 10, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. The auction raises funds to buy books and classroom equipment "which the struggling D. C. school system can't afford."

The school draws 300 promising students from across the city, and offers internships at museums, law firms, social service agencies, Congressional offices and other Washington sites to augment class instruction.

Donations of cash or auctionable items are needed to make the event a success. For info call Barbara Wagner at 828-3106. In addition, plan to stop by the auction to bid and buy.

Easter, from page 6

Wednesday, March 31

St. Paul's	8:00 p.m.	Tenebrae
St. Stephen's	6:00 p.m.	Tenebrae

Holy/Maundy Thursday, April 1

Newman	8:00 p.m.	The Lord's Supper (Marvin Center)
St. Mary's	7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, Music
St. Paul's	6:30 p.m.	Solemn Liturgy of the Day and Watch before the Altar of Repose
St. Stephen's	5:30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper, celebrated by Bishop Lori, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Repository until 12:00 midnight
United	7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Western	7:00 p.m.	Communion Service

Good Friday, April 2

Newman	12:00 noon 8:00 p.m.	Joint Service, at Western Presbyterian Church Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Marvin Center Ballroom)
St. Mary's	12:30 p.m.	Liturgy and Music
St. Paul's	12:00 noon	The Three-Hour Devotion
St. Stephen's	6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy
United	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Western	2:00 p.m.	The Seven Last Words of Christ
	5:30 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	12:00 noon	German Service
	1:00 p.m.	English Service
	12:00 noon	Joint Service with Newman Catholic Center

Holy Saturday, April 3

Newman	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil (Western Presbyterian Church)
St. Paul's	9:00 p.m.	The Great Vigil of Easter with the First Solemn Pontifical Mass of Easter
St. Stephen's	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass, followed by reception

Easter Sunday, April 4

Newman	11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Mass (Marvin Center Ballroom)
St. Mary's	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
St. Paul's	11:00 a.m.	Festive Eucharist, Music
St. Stephen's	7:45 a.m.	Low Mass
United	9:00 a.m.	Procession and Sung Mass
Western	11:15 a.m.	Procession and Solemn High Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	9:00 & 11:00 a.m., 1:00 & 5:30 p.m.	Easter Masses
	9:30 a.m.	German Service
	11:00 a.m.	English Service
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Resurrection Service

Newman Center: 2210 F Street, N.W. 676-6855

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W. 333-3985

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street, N.W. 337-2020

St. Stephen Martyr Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 785-0982

The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 331-1495

Women's Board
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On Tuesday, April 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Women's Board of the GWU Hospital will hold a special bazaar in the corridor outside the hospital cafeteria. All funds raised by the event will support scholarships for GWU Medical Center students.

The Board invites the attendance of nearby residents, and welcomes the donation of sale items. Contributions should be val-

ued at no less than \$3, be clean and in "very good to new or never-used condition." Merchandise which sells quickly includes jewelry, china, crystal, tableware, ornamental objects, toys, games, small appliances and TVs, working computers, and men's and women's accessories. They are not able to handle plants, books, foods, clothing or any item over 10 pounds in weight.

Contributions are tax-deductible; forms will be available at the Gift Shop, where items should be dropped off by Friday, April 16.



It was a nice little snowfall, wasn't it? This view is from the FBN Editor's back porch, an enchanting sight indeed.

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GW Students To "Clean Up" FB Again

By Jeff Marootian

As the beauty of springtime sets in, GW students and community leaders will join forces for the semi-annual Foggy Bottom Cleanup sponsored by the GW Student Association (SA). Every year, students work together to remove litter and trash from our community's streets, parks and residential areas. This April 17, GW students will collaborate with students at American, Catholic and Howard who will clean up their respective neighborhoods in a "community service summit."

The cleanup by the students continues a three-year tradition; last November over 150 students participated in the initiative. The SA works to ensure that the needs of the students and non-student members of our community are met, and want to know if how they can better serve you. For more information or to voice questions or comments, please contact Jeff Marootian at 994-1303.

FBA's McLeod Active in New Citizens' Group

Last June, at the request of Jim McLeod, the FBA Board approved seed money for starting an independent group with a goal of informing citizens by providing lectures on zoning and other matters. The name of the group, the Horseshoe Alliance Resource Center (HARC), comes from the shape — a horseshoe — formed by neighborhoods that border the central business district. Foggy Bottom is the southwestern base neighborhood, with West End, Dupont Circle, Logan Circle, Shaw, and Chinatown connecting to the Pennsylvania Avenue quarter, the southeastern base. HARC is intended to have four major components: a library of zoning and land use materials; a monthly lecture series by land use law experts; a list of pro bono (or reduced cost) legal counsel willing to represent citizens or citizen groups; and a

Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, March 29: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with Councilmember Phil Mendelson as featured speaker. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m. ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME.

Tuesday, March 30: Annual Awards Show, featuring works by GWU fine arts seniors and graduate students. Dimock Gallery, 730 21st Street, N.W. Opening reception and awards announcements, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Show continues through Tuesday, April 20. Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday, April 2: Friday noon concert, featuring special tribute to Duke Ellington. For info call 331-7282. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. 12:00 noon.

Friday, April 2: Introduction to Sign Language, presented by Maurice Smith of the D.C. Public Library. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 4: "Naad Sugandh" (Fragrance of Sound), a program of Hindustani classical music featuring The Gundecha Bandhu, from Bhopal, India. Vocalists are Umakant and Ramakant Gundecha. \$20. United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7: Health Lecture, "Building Your Herbal Pharmacy: Herbs, Vitamins & Homeopathy," presented by Adriane Fugh-Berman, M.D., Center for Integrative Medicine. GWU Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 8: Lecture on elder abuse, by Family and Child Services. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 8- Saturday, April 10: GWU Dance Company in Concert, featuring Kristie Simson and Joseph Mills, with choreography by Miguel Angel Diaz and Claudia Vasquez Del Mercado. Also included are works choreographed by students. For info call 994-6178. \$10 General; \$8 Students/Seniors. Marvin Center Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 10: Spring Auction, School Without Walls, G Street between 21st and 22nd Streets. 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 11: Concert featuring New York mezzo-soprano Kathleen Shimeta, presenting a tribute to the beginning of spring, with Janet Gustafson on piano. For info call 785-0982. St. Stephen Martyr Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 3:00 p.m.

repository of information from residents and civic groups on zoning matters, perhaps both in the form of HARC board meetings and/or a home page on the web or electronic bulletin board.

HARC will not take a position on specific zoning issues. Its goal is simply to provide information and resources for D.C. residents interested in zoning matters which affect them. Its resources would be available to any D.C. resident regardless of their position on

a zoning issue. Jim McLeod, FBA vice president, has been assigned as the HARC project coordinator and has conducted meetings of persons from various citizen groups from most of the named neighborhoods. Efforts to ensure that all neighborhoods are represented in HARC have been the primary focus to date. Those interested in HARC should feel free to call Jim at 223-0457.

Monday, April 12: Pops concert, University Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble, conducted by Ben Fritz. For info call 994-6245. Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street, N.W. 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14: Luci Tapahonso, celebrated Navajo poet, will read from her work about life as a Navajo. For info call 331-7282. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14: Health Lecture, "Understanding Urinary Incontinence," presented by Jong Choe, M.D., Department of Urology. GWU Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 15: Talk on Islam by GW student Fatima Abdullah, St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 17: Foggy Bottom Cleanup, sponsored by GWU Student Association. For info and to participate, call Jeff Marootian, 994-1303.

Sunday, April 18: Concert, University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Desi Alston. For info call 994-6245. Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20: GWU Hospital Women's Board Bazaar, benefitting medical school scholarships. (See article in this issue.) GW Hospital cafeteria, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21: Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21: Health Lecture, "Eating Disorders," presented by Joan Barber, M.D. and Wendy Zack, LICSW, GW Department of Psychiatry. GWU Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 23: Opening of exhibition of "Foggy Bottom Views," paintings by Bill D'Italia, sponsored by the FBA 40th Anniversary Committee. Watergate Gallery, Watergate Mall, 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W. 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Through Tuesday, April 30: Exhibition, "The Spirit of Jerusalem," composed of 41 photographs taken by Shai Ginott in and around the city of Jerusalem. Colonnade Gallery, 800 21st Street, N.W., 4th floor. 7:00 a.m.-midnight.

Through Tuesday, April 30: "Closed Mondays: The Museum as Art Form," featuring photographs by Elizabeth Gil Lui. The exhibit consists of photos of museum buildings worldwide, including D.C.'s National Gallery of Art East Building and The Octagon. American Institute of Architects Gallery, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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